# Yerington Technical Work Group Meeting July 16, 2002 - 11am to 5:00pm BLM - Carson City field office

# **Updates**

 $\bullet$  SOW approved by agencies 06/28/02 - Comment period ends 07/28/02 - FINAL now.

◆ Art has developed a schedule of activities based on the Final SOW.

♦ Well sampling activities - monitoring and domestic wells sampled about 45 at the end of June with following.

Exceptions: MW 35 plugged

MW 26 plugged MW 29 not located EPA-2 no water

WW 36 pump not in operation (will look into records - backup well used for weed heights irrigation 2 new wells installed by Atlantic Richfield except DW - 52 were also sampled. Results expected with in 3 weeks of sampling (available late July) results will be summarized in a report.

Domestic will sampling also successful-will look into distributing data with out compromising confidentiality groundwater conditions WP will also present data.

### Wabuska Drain WP

NDEP sent comments to ARCo (combined comments of EPA, NDEP, BLM ETC.)

ARCo responded July 9<sup>th</sup> with request for delay on revision of work plan <u>POST</u> initial sampling of soils and sediments and sampling suggested in comments of draft WP - currently no water in drain sampling is being delayed. If no successful sampling can take place by mid Sept. then ARCo will go ahead.

### She Conceptual Model

Comments from agencies being finalized 07/17/02 and will be submitted to ARCo Conceptual Model will influence comments on other work plans.

\*Note - Comments on work plans still need to be in writing - cannot rely solely on comments in meetings may need to plan conference calls to address cross-cutting issues, especially those comments submitted on one work plan that impacts another. The schedule for work plans may create some overlap among work plans in the pipeline.

### Wabuska Drain Workplan

ARCo Proposing to do initial sampling prior to revising "Phase2" of the proposed work. Agencies will meet to determine whether the proposed actions meet the short-term goals. Need to have a group discussion prior to finalizing the work plan - consider August Mtg. Or conference call Art will draft a response to ARCo'S letter re: phase I activities and will talk about deliberating over phase Z at that time.

YPT interested in keeping activities moving in the short-term

BLM would like to accompany sampling crews as possible. May be able to collect discrete samples or split samples Agencies will clarify sampling methods and locations requested.

#### Wabuska Drain WP cont'd

- ♦ Pick a number (8) sampling locations confirm locations with group to make sure everyone is comfortable.
- ◆ Pick (2) for discrete samples use a group to pick the 2.
- ◆ The original 4 were Water Quality locations (NDEP) might offer some consistency but not mandatory-for short-term actions using logical criteria such as:
  - Depositional environments
  - Proximity to culverts
  - Not from an anaerobic condition
- ◆ Careful of making location decisions in the field
- ♦ NDEP, BLM AND EPA will talk and document comments to ARCo Tribes will review prior to submitting to ARCo.

## Fugitive Dust Work Plan

Chuck provided overview of Draft WP circulation prior to the meeting Comments on DQO'S

Do you want to address re-suspension? Don't know how to yet.
Should a DQO address revegetation? Treat ability studies may address
this. More appropriately addressed in the cover materials closure plan. Maybe part of
closure and reclamation design. Cross-cutting issue add a DQO to address sauce areas.
Better characterization of surface materials consider (hills east of full fide tailings
impoundments-McCloud Hills) - use soil surveys for those areas (Art has these and will
take them to Chuck)

#### Fugitive Dust Work Plan Cont'd

- ♦ Background monitoring is planned for a Second Phase of work only conducted once fugitive dust from the site is/isn't confirmed.
- ♦ This work plan has very little data available going into it-to shape thinking. There will be surface material collected, as part of the other work plans and that will be integrated into this work.
- ◆ Drawing conclusions based on so little information may make some people uncomfortable will add data as it becomes available. Will update the wind rose diagram as additional data becomes available.
- ♦ Integrate comments from conceptual site model that are relevant to this WP (e.g. Figure 5).
- ◆ Access may be an issue on private property.
- ♦ Consider impacts from cars, motorbikes and off-road vehicles.
- ♦ Written comments to be submitted by august 15, 2002 (about)
- ◆ Clarification of exact location and height is needed for input on criteria.

# Community Relation Activities - Review of Newsletter Draft

♦ Draft Newsletter was circulated for discussion.

Break - to allow everyone to review draft (2:15)

#### Comments of Newsletter Draft

- ◆ Add accomplishments of Tribes
- ♦ Content is on target-relevant information
- ♦ Add "stay out" information "living with a Mine" info. not a place to play stay off...
- ♦ Add reference to where the documents are located (in the text) But careful of duplicating any information
- ♦ Could shorten text under accomplishments

- ◆ Arimetco will not like use of "abandoned"
- ♦ Add features to Map-or use a different figure-one with more source areas and details
- ♦ Add local landmarks relevant to the community
- ♦ Make map text larger
- ♦ Remove reference to security during day light hours only.
- ♦ Combine / shorten the accomplishments section.
- ♦ Get it out prior to the August Meeting.
- ◆ <u>Comments</u> to Art by July 29<sup>th</sup> No need to compile comments will forward to ARCo and discuss.
- ◆ Try to get it out in August (with next Stakeholders Mtg. in September?)
- ◆ Consider inserting it into newspaper (Dave Sanford)
- ◆ Specific interested parties get mailed
- ♦ Include on website.
- ♦ ARCo will work with Art to coordinate distribution.

# Public Outreach and Future Meetings

Conflict with August 20 <u>Stakeholders</u> Meeting - consider moving location/timing to September

August meeting-1<sup>st</sup> choice-2<sup>nd</sup> choice BLM-Carson-Aug. 22 or 29<sup>th</sup> (11-5pm)

October 1, YPT gym 8-5pm

Conceptual site model comments discussion Groundwater Data Newsletter Community Relations Plan Plan Public Meeting Finalize conceptual site model Fugitive dust WP Plan October Meeting (consider multi-day workshop to address all the work plans)

\*Combine with full Stakeholder Mtg. 1<sup>st</sup> hour 8-9am

\*September conference call - try to use this tool for presentation of work plan and preliminary comments - don't use Mtg. Time to present report. September 12, 9:30 - 12:00 pm. Call ARCo and chuck to discuss work plans as we comment. Brad will set up call PST.

#### Additional Comments on Upcoming Meetings

Consider tagging Wabuska Drain Sampling event with August YTWG Mtg. Consider prioritizing work plans for review Wabuska sampling event to be scheduled depending on the plans from ARCo

### Electro winning Liquids Relocation Plan

Ken Paulsen will be handling this effort-Comments should go to Art by July 26<sup>th</sup>

Lender is paying for the effort - so may not have to go thru bankruptcy court This may be an asset that the court will consider - will diminish property value Comments must be submitted in writing.

Fluids currently less volumes than document indicates (=\$150,000 value as an asset) Address RCRA (for Tran sport) - if going to be re-used then it isn't a waste.